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1. IN VIEW OF COMMENTS IN DAKAR REFTEL, BELIEVE SUMMARY
OF LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE OF ABIDJAN CONFERENCE MIGHT BE INSTRUCTIVE.

2. LOCAL EDITORIAL REACTION TO THE QUEBEC-OTTAWA-PARIS
BICKERINGS IN ABIDJAN WAS GENERALLY DISAPPROVING. EDITORIALISTS
HERE WERE DISMAYED BY THE SPECTACLE OF FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL
ONE-UPMANSHIP BEING CARRIED INTO AN AFRICAN FORUM, THEREBY
DISTRACTING ATTENTION FROM THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE AGENCE DE DEVELOPPEMENT CULTURELLE ET TECHNIQUE.

3. MONTREAL'S PRESTIGIOUS LE DEVOIR (THE ONLY SERIOUS FRENCH-
LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER IN QUEBEC PROVINCE NOT CURRENTLY ON STRIKE),
WHICH HAD SENT TOP POLITICAL REPORTER LISE BISONNETTE TO ABIDJAN
TO COVER THE FIREWORKS, MOURNED THAT "NO ONE CAME OUT AHEAD
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AT THIS CONFERENCE WHERE THE LOSERS WERE, ONCE AGAIN, THE
AFRICANS." EDITOR-IN-CHIEF MICHEL ROY CALLED THE SPECTACLE
"DISMAYING AND RIDICULOUS", WHILE EDITORIALIST ROBERT DECARY
ADDED "HOW CAN ONE NOT LABEL COLONIALIST THIS ATTITUDE OF
STRUTTING BEFORE A GROUP MADE UP MAINLY OF YOUNG COUNTRIES WHOSE
FIRST CONCERN IN FORMING THE AGENCY WAS CERTAINLY NOT TO SUFFER
THE ARROGANCE AND INDIFFERENCE OF CERTAIN BIG BROTHERS? WHILE

THE MEMBERS OF THE AUGUST TRIO (CANADA, QUEBEC, AND FRANCE)
HOG THE LIMELIGHT THE AGENCY ITSELF IS BECOMING A SORT OF
WANDERING PHANTOM WITHOUT A PRECISE GOAL." REACTIONS OF THE
TABLOID JOURNAL DE MONTREAL, WHICH HAD ALSO SENT ITS TOP
POLITICAL REPORTER TO THE CONFERENCE, WERE IN A SIMILAR
VEIN. THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MONTREAL STAR PREDICTABLY TRUMPETED
A "GREAT VICTORY" FOR CANADIAN DIPLOMACY OVER FRANCE, QUEBEC,
CLAUDE MORIN, AND "THE GHOST OF CHARLES DE GAULLE", BUT RECOG-
NIZED THAT "WHILE ALL THIS TRIBAL POSTURING AND MANEUVERING GOES
ON, THE POOR AFRICAN NATIONS, WHICH CAN'T PERSUADE THE AGENCY TO
DISCUSS ANYTHING USEFUL SUCH AS AID, MUST REGARD THE WHOLE
PERFORMANCE WITH WONDER AND AMAZEMENT."
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